

Sec. 2-488. Prohibited campaign contributions by lobbyists on procurement issues.

(1) No lobbyist on a present or pending bid for goods, equipment or services or on a present or pending award for goods, equipment or services shall solicit for or give a campaign contribution directly or indirectly to a candidate, or to the campaign committee of a candidate, for the offices of mayor or commissioner.

(a) Commencing on the effective date of this ordinance, all proposed city contracts, as well as requests for proposals (RFP), requests for qualifications (RFQ), requests for letters of interest (RFLI), or bids issued by the city, shall incorporate this section so as to notify lobbyists of the proscription embodied herein.

(b) No candidate, or campaign committee of a candidate for the offices of mayor or commissioner, shall deposit into such candidate's campaign account any campaign contribution directly or indirectly from a lobbyist subject to the provisions of this ordinance. Candidates (or those acting on their behalf) shall ensure compliance with this code section by confirming with the city clerk's records to verify the lobbyist status of any potential donor.

(2) A person who directly or indirectly solicits for or makes a contribution to a candidate who is elected to the office of mayor or commissioner shall be disqualified for a period of 12 months following the swearing in of the subject elected official from lobbying the city commission in connection with a present or pending bid for goods, equipment or services or on a present or pending award for goods, equipment or services.

(3) A fine of up to \$500.00 shall be imposed on every person who violates this section. Each act of soliciting, giving or depositing a contribution in violation of this section shall constitute a separate violation. All contributions received by a candidate in violation of this section shall be forfeited to the city's general revenue fund.

(4) The term "contribution" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, as amended and supplemented.

(Ord. No. 2003-3393, § 1, 2-5-03)